

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (original): A light-shielding container for a light-sensitive material comprising:

a light-shielding cloth attached to an opening in the container through which the light-sensitive material is passed, the light-shielding cloth shielding the opening from light and comprising:

a base fabric; and

a pile section formed by incorporating pile threads into the base fabric, the pile section comprising:

a black dope-dyed thread pile section formed by incorporating black dope-dyed threads containing carbon black; and

a black-dyed thread pile section formed by incorporating black-dyed threads;

wherein the proportion of the black dope-dyed thread pile section in the total pile section is 5 wt % to 60 wt %;

wherein the single filament fineness of the black dope-dyed threads is thicker than that of the black-dyed threads;

wherein the overall pile density of the black dope-dyed threads and the black-dyed threads is 30,000 filaments/cm² to 55,000 filaments/cm²; and

wherein the black dope-dyed thread pile section and the black-dyed thread pile section are arranged in stripes that are substantially orthogonal to the direction in which the light-sensitive material is passed.

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Claim 2 (currently amended): The light-shielding container for a light-sensitive material according to claim 1, wherein the average single filament fineness (decitex) given by the equation below is in the range of 1 to 2, where A denotes the single filament fineness of the black dope-dyed threads, X wt % denotes the proportion of the black dope-dyed threads in the pile section, B denotes the single filament fineness of the black-dyed threads, and Y wt % denotes the proportion of the black-dyed threads in the pile section[[]],

Average single filament fineness = $\{A \times (X/100) + B \times (Y/100)\} / [2]$.

Claim 3 (original): The light-shielding container for a light-sensitive material according to claim 2, wherein the single filament fineness of the black-dyed threads is 2 decitex or less.

Claim 4 (original): The light-shielding container for a light-sensitive material according to claim 1, wherein the pile threads forming the black dope-dyed threads and the black-dyed threads are crimped threads.

Claim 5 (original): The light-shielding container for a light-sensitive material according to claim 1, wherein the base fabric is a warp knitted structure comprising a chain thread and an inlay thread.

Claim 6 (original): The light-shielding container for a light-sensitive material according to claim 1, wherein the light-shielding cloth is prepared using the black dope-dyed threads and, instead of the black-dyed threads, undyed threads that have not been dyed black, and the whole light-shielding cloth is then dyed black using a dye to convert the undyed threads into the black-dyed threads.

Claim 7 (original): A light-sensitive material package comprising:
a light-shielding container for a light-sensitive material; and

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a light-sensitive material that has sensitivity to light at 850 nm and is housed in the container, the light-shielding container for a light-sensitive material comprising:

a light-shielding cloth attached to an opening in the container through which the light-sensitive material is passed, the light-shielding cloth shielding the opening from light and comprising:

a base fabric; and

a pile section formed by incorporating pile threads into the base fabric, the pile section comprising:

a black dope-dyed thread pile section formed by incorporating black dope-dyed threads containing carbon black; and

a black-dyed thread pile section formed by incorporating black-dyed threads;

wherein the proportion of the black dope-dyed thread pile section in the total pile section is 5 wt % to 60 wt %;

wherein the single filament fineness of the black dope-dyed threads is thicker than that of the black-dyed threads;

wherein the overall pile density of the black dope-dyed threads and the black-dyed threads is 30,000 filaments/cm² to 55,000 filaments/cm²; and

wherein the black dope-dyed thread pile section and the black-dyed thread pile section are arranged in stripes that are substantially orthogonal to the direction in which the light-sensitive material is passed.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The light-sensitive material package according to claim 7, wherein the average single filament fineness (decitex) given by the equation below is in the range of 1 to 2, where A denotes the single filament fineness of the black dope-dyed threads, X wt % denotes the proportion of the black dope-dyed threads in the pile section, B denotes the

single filament fineness of the black-dyed threads, and Y wt % denotes the proportion of the black-dyed threads in the pile section[[]],

Average single filament fineness = $\{A \times (X/100) + B \times (Y/100)\}[[/2]]$.

Claim 9 (original): The light-sensitive material package according to claim 8, wherein the single filament fineness of the black-dyed threads is 2 decitex or less.

Claim 10 (original): The light-sensitive material package according to claim 7, wherein the pile threads forming the black dope-dyed threads and the black-dyed threads are crimped threads.

Claim 11 (original): The light-sensitive material package according to claim 7, wherein the base fabric is a warp knitted structure comprising a chain thread and an inlay thread.

Claim 12 (original): The light-sensitive material package according to claim 7, wherein the light-shielding cloth is prepared using the black dope-dyed threads and, instead of the black-dyed threads, undyed threads that have not been dyed black, and the whole light-shielding cloth is then dyed black using a dye to convert the undyed threads into the black-dyed threads.